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TODAY'S HIGH: 121°





# From the Desk of the City Manager

As a mother, I know how hard it is to keep the kids from getting bored during the hot summer months. Well, this year the City is helping with the fight against boredom by offering summer youth activities. The City is sponsoring several programs to keep the kids cool and entertained. This year in addition to our usual open swim in the afternoons, we will be offering Red Cross swim lessons as well as summer games, movies and educational activities at 'The Hut'. In this newsletter we will list the City sponsored summer activities as well as other community summer events.

In other City Hall news, we continue to hold "Town Hall" meetings to determine the type of development we want to see south of town. We encourage you to become an active participant in these land use and development decisions. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 15th at 6:00 pm at City Hall.

Once again, the City wants to thank local volunteers that have helped with community improvement projects. A special thanks to Raul Gomez, who donated his time and talents when he assisted our Public Works crew install lights at the Holt Park playground. The lights should be ready by the end of June. The City still has some grant funds available for park renovation. We hope that the energetic volunteer group, Families United for Holtville Now (FUHN Moms), will once again spearhead the project this time renovating Mack Park playground.

As a long time resident of Holtville, I, like you, have often been frustrated with the lack of community facilities and community sponsored programs the City has to offer. As City Manager, I understand the financial constraints that limit the City's ability to offer community services and to make the much needed improvement to our existing facilities. This November, City Council will let the community decide if they want to fund a Civic Center, Public Safety building and Alamo River Park by passing a general obligation bond. No doubt the need is there, now it is up to us to make an investment in our community.

Holtville's City Council is committed to making marked improvements to our City services and our community's quality of life. Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our employees, our citizen volunteers, and community supporters we are moving in the Laura Fischer right direction. Please don't hesitate to call us here at City Hall 356-2912.

Have a great summer!

### Water and Sewer Rates

New water and sewer rates for the residents of Holtville. The water rate increase will be effective with the July reading. The sewer rate increase will be effective July 1st. If you have any questions in regards to the increase please call 356-2912. Los siguientes son los precios nuevos para el agua y drenaje que serán efectivos julio 1. Para mas información llama al 356-2912.

#### Residential and Commercial Water Rates

	Inside City	Outside City
15,000 gallons or less	\$36.13	\$72.29
Each add'l. 1.000	\$3,613	\$7.229

#### **Sewer Rates** Monthly

Single Family Residence (includes single metered condo's & townhouses)	\$37.84
Multi-family (per dwelling)	\$37.84
Mobile home/trailer park (per dwelling unit)	\$37.84

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### Come Plan the Future of your Town

Land Use Plan Update & General Plan Amendment Community Workshop Thursday, June 15th, 2006—6:00-8:30 p.m.—City Hall



The City of Holtville is conducting the third workshop of three planned Community Workshops for the purpose of soliciting public input and participation regarding the Land Use Plan Update and General Plan Amendment. This update will guide the City's growth over the next two decades through direct actions, policies, and funding priorities.

Following the Community's vision and the local determination of a route preference for the anticipated reroute of State Route 115 south, community members, business owners, and property owners in the City of Holtville and the surrounding community have further identified preferred land use designations for the determined plan area.

On June 15th attendees will be given the opportunity to assign general locations for the preferred land use designations after a brief guest presentation by Mr. Ed Snively, member of the Local Agency Formation Comission (LAFCo) on land

use.

Your participation is important. The updated Land Use Plan may propose changes to land use designations and densities which may or may not affect your properties in efforts to guide the future development of our Community.

Further information is available at the City of Holtville, 121 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Holtville, California, 92250.

### Ven a planear el futuro de la ciudad

El día 15 de junio 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.—Centro Civico

La ciudad de Holtville está conduciendo el último de tres talleres previstos de la comunidad para la entrada y la participación pública con respeto a la actualización del Plan de la Utilización del Terreno e Enmienda General del Plan necesitadas para dirigir el crecimiento de la ciudad durante las dos décadas próximas.

Siguiendo la visión de la comunidad y la determinación de preferencia para la routa anticipada del 115 Sur, miembros de la comunidad, dueños de negocios y dueños de propiedad

en la ciudad de Holtville y la comunidad alrededor han identificado el uso preferido designado para la determinación de la área del plan.

El 15 de junio se les dará a los asistentes la oportunidad de asignar las localizaciones generales para las designaciones preferidas de la utilización del terreno después de una presentación del invitado Ed Snively, miembro de la Comisión Local de la Formación de La Agencia (LAFCo) en utilización del terreno.

Su participación es importante. El plan actualizado de la utilización del terreno puede proponer cambios a las designaciones y las densidades de la utilización del terreno que pueden o no pueden afectar sus propiedades en esfuerzos de dirigir el desarrollo futuro de nuestra comunidad.

Información adicional está disponible en la Ciudad de Holtville, 121 Calle Quinta o hablando al 760-356-2912.



## Fire Department News

Protecting your health when temperatures are high. Remember to keep cool and use common sense. Drink Plenty of Fluid. Increase your fluid intake, you will need to drink more than your thirst indicates. This is especially true for persons 65 years and older. Don't drink liquids that contain caffeine, alcohol or large amounts of sugar, these cause you to lose more body fluid. Also, avoid very cold drinks, because they can cause stomach cramps. Heavy sweating removes salt and minerals from the body and these are necessary and must

be replaced. Wear Appropriate Clothing and Sunscreen. Limit sun exposure during the mid-day hours and in places of potential severe exposure. Sunburn affects your body's ability to cool itself and causes a loss of body fluids. Temperature Overload. People suffer heat-related illness when their bodies are unable to compensate and cool themselves. When humidity is high, sweat will not evaporate as quickly preventing the body from releasing heat quickly. Heat Stroke. Occurs when the

body is unable to regulate its temperature. Warning signs of a heat stroke may include the following: high body temperature; red, hot and dry skin; rapid, strong pulse; throbbing headache; dizziness; nausea; confusion; unconsciousness. If experiencing any of these symptoms, CALL 911. **Should I take salt tablets?** Do not take salt tablets unless directed by your doctor.



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## Police Department News



Hot weather brings increased use of air conditioners. Contact with electric current from a/c accounts for a significant number of electrocutions and injuries annually. Remember to test before you touch can avoid injuries and death.

BICYCLE SAFETY: Along with safety equipment, actions and reactions play a major role in preventing injuries. Thousands of children are injured each year while riding bicycles. Always wear a helmet with the chinstrap firmly buckled. Wear knee and elbow pads. Restrict young children to cycling on sidewalks, paths and driveways. Older children should be taught bicycle behavior; be alert, watch for traffic obstacles, obey traffic rules and signals. Check the brakes, gear shifts and tires before riding. Finally avoid riding at dusk or after dark.

During the summer months people will be heading to the waterways for some relief from the heat. An estimated one-half of all accidents and fatalities that occur on the water are a result of alcohol. Drinking while on the water heightens the risk of dehydration when combined with sun exposure, boat vibrations, engine noise and constant motion. Alcohol impairs balance, vision, reaction time and decision making. Keep yourself and others safe on the water this summer; don't drink alcohol, wear life jackets, always carry safety gear and know how to use it.



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### FOR EMERGENCIES CALL 911

## Notas del Departamento de Policia

El clima caliente trae el uso aumentado del aire acondicionado. El contacto con la corriente de la unidad de aire es la mayor causa de electrocución y heridas anualmente. Recuerde revisando antes de tentar puede evitar heridas y casos de muerte.

Uso seguro de bicicletas. Junto con equipo de seguridad, acciones y reacciones son importantes en la prevención de heridas. Miles de niños reciben heridas cada ano mientras que andan en bicicleta. Siempre use el casco abrochado firmemente. Use rodilleras y codilleras. Limite que los niños

usen solamente la banqueta y camino de entrada para pasear en bicicleta. Niños más mayores deben de ser ensenados el comportamiento correcto, que estén alertos, busquen obstáculos de tráfico y que obedezcan las reglas y señales de tráfico. Revisen los frenos, cambios y llantas antes de pasear. Finalmente no dejen que los niños usen las bicicletas después de oscurecer.

Durante los meses de verano las personas se dirigen al agua para pasar días más frescos. Aproximadamente la mitad de los accidentes y muertes en el agua son por causa del alcohol. Tomar bebidas alcohólicas mientras en el agua puede causar deshidratación cuando son combinadas con el sol, vibraciones del agua, ruido de motores y movimiento constante. El alcohol afecta el balance, la visión, el tiempo de reacción y las decisiones. Manténgase ud. y a los demás seguros este verano. No tomen alcohol, use chalecos de seguridad y finalmente siempre carge un botiquín de primeros auxilios y bastante agua!

## Recycling Information

Every day in the United States, each of us will send the equivalent of 4.5 pounds of trash into our landfills. Approximately 9-12% is made up of plastics. This massive pile of garbage takes up space and will need to be monitored for years to come, making it a serious problem for the next generation. Join us as we create a

better tomorrow for the children, by recycling inkjet and laser cartridges and cell phones.



Cada día en los Estados Unidos cada uno de

nosotros mandamos el equivalente de 4.5 libras de basura a nuestro basureros. Aproximadamente de 9 a 12% es plástico. Esta basura toma mucho espacio y tendrá que ser monitoreada por muchos anos causando un serio problema para la próxima generación. Acompáñanos en hacer un

nuestros hijos, reciclando los cartuchos de impresoras y los teléfonos celulares. Para mas información sobre reciclar llame al 356-2632.



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www.holtville.ca.gov

## City Summer Activity Schedule

#### Swimming

#### Open Swim

Tuesday—Friday 10:30—1 p.m. and 1:30—4 p.m. .50¢ per child per session Saturday 11 a.m.—5 p.m.

Swim lessons—Monday through Friday— 1/2 hour lessons starting at 8:30 a.m.

Cost for each two (2) week session is only \$15 per child ages 3-14. Classes start July 3rd and will run through August 14th. Sign up at City Hall.

Mommy and baby (Ages 0-2)- Monday 10 a.m.—Noon (Lessons are FREE)

**The HUT** (Next to the pool)

Summer fun and games—Tuesday through Friday− 10:30—4 p.m. .50 ¢ per child

#### 3rd ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Friday, June 16th 6:00—8:00 p.m.

Holt Park



Come and enjoy the evening with food, music, water from the Fire Engine, bal-

loons and more!

Sponsored by the City of Holtville and The Holtville Chamber of Commerce

For more information contact City Hall or the Chamber of Commerce



### Summer Program's

The Imperial County Free Library presents their Summer Reading Program. Paws, Claws, Scales and Tales begins on June 20 through July 27, 2006. Children of all ages are welcomed to participate every Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 p.m. Sign up at the local library located at 101 E. 6th Street. For more information contact the Holtville library at 356-2385.

Wesley Day Care will be offering a summer child care program. They are offering 2 sessions with the first one beginning June 19th through July 7th. The second session is

from July 10th through July 28th. Children from ages 2-12 are welcomed. Join in the fun with creative crafts, games, field trips and lots of fun. For more information contact 356-1345.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church will be having a summer program for children in grades kinder-5th. The program runs through the week of June 26-30 from 12:15—2:15. Registration cost is \$7 per child. If you have any questions please contact the catechism office at 356-4659.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church will have V.B.S. with the McAvoy's. This years theme is "Cool Kids". The program will run

from July 17 through the 21st, from 9 a.m.—11:30. For more information please call 356-4315.

Cornerstone Community will also be holding their V.B.S. starting on June 19th—23rd, from 6 pm.—8:30. Students from pre-kinder through 5th grade can attend. For more information please call 356-1061.

The 21st Century Program will be coordinated by David Avila. This program is open to Finley, Pine, and Middle School students. The kinder-5th grade will be at Finley School and 6th, 7th and 8th will be at Middle School. This program will be from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. For more information call 356-2811.

